<u>Prior law</u> provided methods generally for taking of freshwater or saltwater fish, including by bow and arrow. Provided specifically that freshwater game fish may be taken by bow and arrow, subject to following prohibitions:

- (1) Prohibits the use of bow and arrow between March 1st and May 31st and between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- (2) Prohibits use of artificial light.
- (3) Provides specific creel and size limits for certain bass species, black or white crappie and bream.
- (4) Prohibits bow and arrow fishing on trophy lakes, border lakes with reciprocal management agreements with other states, and the Lake Verret watershed basin and the Atchafalaya Basin.

<u>New law</u> repeals the specific provisions of <u>prior law</u> dealing with taking of freshwater game fish by bow and arrow and retains remainder of <u>prior law</u>.

<u>Prior law</u> relative to fishing provided that skin divers fishing for sport in fresh water, or any person using or possessing nets or traps, including recreational hoop nets, recreational slat traps, recreational pipes, recreational buckets, recreational drums, recreation tires, and recreational cans, may not take or possess any largemouth bass, spotted bass, black or white crappie, white bass, yellow bass, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, or any species of bream. <u>New law</u> retains <u>prior law</u> and adds taking by bow and arrow to the <u>prior law</u> prohibitions.

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(Amends R.S. 56:320(A)(1) and (2); Repeals R.S. 56:320(A)(4))